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Neighbors find
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Youngsters get a
chance to learn
through participa-
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Family
homeless
after fireBy Bob Slate
Staff writerA fire in the 2100 block of
State Street Sunday evening left
a family — including seven chil-
dren — without a home.The fire at 2140 State Street
started at about 8:15 p.m. Sun-
day in a first-floor bedroom of
the two-story wood frame home,
according to a fire report.A glass candleholder was
found on the bed, the report
states.The family had no insurance.
Friends and relatives are
seeking donations of a crib for a
two-year-old handicapped child,
clothing and cash.Donations may be sent to:
Selt Family Fund, Granite City
Steel Credit Union, 3970 Mary-
ville Road, Granite City, Ill.
62040."The family has found tempo-
rary housing. But they would
like to come up with enough
money for the deposit on a rent-
ed house or apartment," said
Dawn Mayford, one of the orga-
nizers of the relief effort.For further information about
donations, call Mayford at
677-6412; Cathy Gibson at
451-1132 or 451-2709; or Carol
Sanders at 451-7779.Firefighters said smoke and
fire were rolling out of windows
(See FIRE, Page 8A)

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Thespians — Ann Hageman gives Prather School fourth grader Ashley Duley
her lines while sixth grader Elizabeth Vineyard waits to play her part. Duley played
the heroine in a melodrama Hageman put on with the help of some of the school's
students. See Page 5A for story and more photos.School district
expects surplusBy Bob Slate
Staff writerThe Granite City School District
appears to be in strong financial shape
only two years after being placed on a
state list of financially troubled districts.
The school board unanimously adopted
a \$47,170,751 budget for 1995-96 at Tues-
day night's meeting.The budget reflects a
number of new pro-
grams and staff addi-
tions: Twelve new
teachers were added to
staff a new districtwide
full-day kindergarten
program this year, five
more teachers were
added to begin a middle
school curriculum in
seventh and eighth
grades, several new special education
programs were implemented and a new
computer technology program was added
in elementary schools.
Still, school officials hope to see more
than \$375,000 added to its reserves by
year end.Additional state aid resulting from the
full-day kindergarten program and
reduced projected expenditures due to
the retirement of about 50 teachers at
the top of the pay scale allowed the dis-
trict to offer the new programs while
building up its reserve.
"It's always a balancing act when itDistrict may
see windfallBy Bob Slate
Staff writerLower interest rates and a proactive
approach by the school board may
allow the Granite City School District
to receive an unexpected \$250,000
windfall.The school board has instructed
Finance Director Gene Logas to inves-
tigate the possibility of refinancing \$12
million in bonds it issued last year to
take advantage of lower interest rates.
Board President Pete Novacich said."If the interest rates do an about-
face and start going up, then it's a
moot point. But the board feels it's
our responsibility to look into the pos-
sibility." (See WINDFALL, Page 8A)comes to meeting both current and
future needs. I think we went as far as
we could right now without jeopardizing
our future," board President Pete Nova-
cich said.

(See SURPLUS, Page 8A)

With refinery cuts, four towns look at merging

The oil refining industry's push for
two-thirds cuts in property taxes has
four local towns looking for leaner
ways to live in the companies."We are spending more money than
we need to, and possible tax cuts may
be a good time to look at it," Mayor
Danny Wilcox of South Roxana said.
Wilcox was the first this week to call
for a formal study by the River Bend
Growth Association to find new waysto save tax dollars, possibly by sharing
services or creating larger
communities."I think the time has come to do a
better job for our cities. I want a study
to see if Wood River, Hartford, Roxana
and South Roxana can get together or
at least pool resources to cut costs. We
don't need two to three firetrucks in
each town, for example, at \$100,000 a
pop."

The idea is not new, officials said,

but the crunch of tax assessment cuts
requested for Shell Oil Co.'s Wood
River Manufacturing Complex and
Clark Refining and Marketing Inc.'s
Hartford refinery may tip the scales
toward new talks."I know it's not popular because it
might do away with a lot of elected
officials, but too many politicians are
interested in social glory rather than
the people they represent," Wilcox
said. "They are attached to their own

little power bases."

If the cuts come, one larger
community can withstand the losses
better, he said."I don't know how much could be
saved, but we're so entwined already,
it doesn't make sense not to take a
look."Wood River City Manager Joey
Tolbert said resource pooling may be
something the towns need to look at,
although the city already shares someservices such as police dispatching
with its neighbors."We all want maximum service at
minimum cost, and pooling could be
the avenue to accomplish that," he
said.Before a study begins, Tolbert said
the communities need to be contacted
so the scope of the program can be
clearly defined. Questions of cost and
direction should be answered by all the
(See MERGE, Page 8A)

Chemical levels in water drop

By Scott Cousins
Staff writerWhile an environmental group complains
that federal regulation of pesticides in
drinking water is not strict enough, local
water company officials maintain that the
local water supply meets or exceeds all
the federal standards.This comes as a second set of tests
results show reduced levels of atrazine
and cyanazine in Granite City's water supply.On Tuesday the Environmental Working
Group released results of water tests from
July through mid-August in 29 cities —
including Granite City and St. Louis.In previous tests the Granite City sample
showed high levels of atrazine and
cyanazine.Water company, state and federal
officials said those studies were "alarmist"
and also disputed the actual results.Karen Talkeris, director of water quality
for Illinois American Water Company,
which provides water service to Granite
City and numerous other local
municipalities, said the company's water
meets all state and federal guidelines."It's important that the limit is based on
annual average," she said. "A particular
number does not necessarily constitute a
violation or a concern."The highest levels for the chemicals
came on July 1, when atrazine was at
about 1.6 parts per billion, and cyanazine
was at about 1.4 ppb.In the latest tests, conducted July 24,
(See WATER, Page 2A)Contamination
tough to pinpointBy Scott Cousins
Staff writerDetermining contamination levels in
tap water can be a tricky business.Much of the controversy surrounding
the recent studies by the Environmen-
tal Working Group and other local
environmental groups revolves around
(See CONTAMINATION, Page 2A)

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FORECAST

John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDX-TV Channel 5

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Best Bet

It may not be the biggest
Chinese restaurant in the Granite
City area, but our readers say Vin
Hua serves the best Chinese food.
Theresa, Janice and the rest of
the Truong family speak little
English. But they know how to
satisfy those with a yen for
Chinese food.The tiny restaurant, located at
3212 Namewick Road in the
Bellevue Village Shopping
Center, was voted by our readers
as the best Chinese restaurant in
the Granite City area.The menu includes a wide
variety of foods, including
appetizers, lunch specials and
combination plates. Carryouts
are available by calling 876-1714
or 1-800-954-4477.Janice and Theresa
Truong

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello fields questions about government
from Prather School students.Prather students
get lesson in civicsBy Bob Slate
Staff writerWhen Assistant Principal Virg Kambarian wrote to U.S. Rep.
Jerry Costello early last week, all he wanted was a flag for
Prather Elementary School.Kambarian got the flag last Friday. But students got a lesson
in government as a bonus.The flag, which will be used as part of a beautification project
at Prather, was hand-delivered by Costello, who agreed to stick
around for about an hour and answer student questions.The students learned about local, state and federal
government as Costello answered questions such as: "How do
(See LESSON, Page 6A)

LOCAL NEWS

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Two electrocuted

Authorities continued an investigation Monday into the deaths of two men who were electrocuted by a 2,400-volt power line.

Gregory T. Mellenthin, 24, of South Roxana, and Richard J. Kostoff, 24, of Granite City, were killed Sunday when a citizens band radio tower they were erecting fell across a power line at Mellenthin's home.

"They apparently died instantly from a tremendous jolt of electricity," South Roxana Police Chief Dennis Carpenter said. Coroner's Chief Investigator Ralph Baumann Jr. is heading the investigation into the electrocutions.

Water standards criticized

State and federal chemical exposure standards don't take into consideration the differences between adults and children or the effect of multiple exposure, according to an environmental group about to release a second set of statistics on tap water contamination.

The Environmental Working Group released a report entitled "Weed Killers by the Glass" in mid-August that showed high levels of atrazine and cyanazine in the tap water of 28 out of 29 cities tested — including Granite City and St. Louis. The results were disputed by state, federal and water company officials. The chemicals, along with simazine, are known collectively as triazines. They are agricultural chemicals used in the Midwest to aid corn production.

Plant fight on to next stage

With approval from the city of Madison, opponents and proponents of a new \$75 million energy plant are looking to the next stage.

Opponents are planning to file an objection with the Illinois Pollution Control Board, while the developer will continue the application process with another state agency, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Metro East LLC has proposed building the plant, which would burn waste wood and coal to produce electrical energy. The Madison City Council gave final approval to the siting of the plant with an ordinance passed unanimously at a special meeting Thursday.

The proposal has been opposed by some residents of the adjoining Cloverleaf subdivision and local environmentalists.

Massage parlor prompts worry

A recently-enacted Madison County ordinance regulating adult entertainment establishments will not apply to a proposed massage parlor in downtown Granite City.

Evan N. Ellsworth, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, has applied for a business license to operate "Relaxation Station," a massage parlor, at 1902 State Street.

Ellsworth said that he would be the sole provider of massages at the business.

Legion permit rejected

The Madison County Board on Wednesday unanimously rejected a rezoning and special use permit for a new American Legion hall in Chouteau Township.

Although the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval, local County Board Member Tim Knott and some area residents opposed it.

American Legion Post 113, now at 1825 State Street in Granite City, has owned the 3.2-acre property for about 10 years.

District 12 OKs budget

The Madison School Board has approved what Superintendent Gary Allison described as a break-even budget.

The \$6,985,857 budget represents about a 5 percent increase in the district's three major funds.

Board President John Hamm said he expects the district to get off the state's financial watch list in the next year or so.

Man jailed for allegedly fondling girl

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Madison man is in jail after being accused of fondling a 15-year-old girl who lives with his family.
Donnie A. Sherrell, 39, of the 200 block of Terry Street in Madison, was charged Monday with one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. He is in custody at the Madison County jail, with bond set at \$50,000.

•Contamination

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the federal standards, and whether those standards are too lax.

One of the charges the group makes is that children are more at risk than adults, and that the federal standards do not take that into consideration.

They claim that bottle-fed infants drink seven times as much water than adults, and high levels of contamination at critical times in the child's development can create problems.

Karen Talkeris, director of water quality for Illinois American Water Company, said the federal standards do take children into consideration.

For atrazine, the lifetime federal safety standard is three parts per billion. However, this is averaged for an entire year.

There has been no level set for cyanazine. In its releases, the EWG uses a standard of 1 ppb.

The highest chemical levels are found in the spring and early summer, when the chemicals are most heavily used, and diminish and eventually disappear in the winter months.

Talkeris said the EPA issues a short-term 10-day health advisory at 100 ppb, and a seven-year advisory at 20 ppb. She said those figures take children into consideration. That means exposure to the chemicals at those levels for those periods of time are considered unsafe.

The EWG also charges that federal standards do not take into consideration multiple chemicals in tap water.

Roger Selburg, manager of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Public Water Supplies, said there is no set standard at this time, and that research is being conducted on multiple chemical exposure.

•Water

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both had dropped to about .8 ppb.

The chemicals, along with simazine, are known collectively as triazines, and enter the water system as runoff.

"It's not at all surprising that they do decrease," Talkeris said. She said the highest levels of triazines are usually found in spring and early summer when they are heavily used in corn production in the Midwest.

In November 1994, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency initiated a special review of triazines because of concerns about the risks of cancer from long-term exposure.

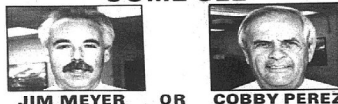
The U.S. EPA has set a safe level of 3 ppb for atrazine, but the federal government has not set a safe level for cyanazine.

However, on Aug. 2, the EPA announced that DuPont, which markets the chemical under the trade name Bladex, would phase out production over the next four years.

According to the EPA, numerous groundwater and surface water studies have shown the presence of triazines in drinking water, especially during the spring and summer, when the chemicals are more heavily used.

Talkeris added that because pesticides are so heavily used in agricultural production people have to accept them.

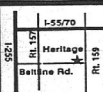
"Like the Environmental Working Group, we would prefer there were no pesticides in drinking water," she said. "But we recognize that we operate in the Midwest."

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Opinion

Welfare bills flunk logic test

Whatever it was that baffled the King of Siam in the musical, I've apparently canceled from my memory bank. I remember only that he described it as a "puzzlement."

While I've never considered myself totally dense and was once a straight-A student in Logic I and II, I'm forced to confess to my own current puzzlement.

The source of my puzzlement? The on-going congressional debate on welfare reform and the separate plans approved by the House and the Senate. It's a given that the system needs reform and, I think, the bill that will eventually arrive on President's Clinton's desk will be a compromise.

That's in the near future, as is the question of whether Clinton will sign or veto the bill, and, should he veto it, whether there'll be sufficient votes to override such a veto.

But none of that is my problem. That's simply the way the system works.

What blows my mind is the convoluted thinking of most of the conservative Republicans in the House of Representatives that resulted in a House bill that simply fails to jibe with the traditional conservative stance. These are the touts of Family Values, the folks formerly referred to as the Moral Majority, and anti-abortionists.

For instance: A key feature agreed upon by both House and Senate — and Clinton — is that welfare recipients must work after receiving benefits for two years. All (some grudgingly) agree that some form of job training will be necessary for a lot of recipients but the Family Value folks see no necessity for the various states to provide child care for working recipients or those in job training.

Because children make up nearly two-thirds of welfare recipients, it's fairly apparent who the victims of such an inclusion would be. Nothing much is spelled out, either, in terms of exactly how jobs will be made available for welfare mothers-in-training, and this in what appears to be an era of business and industry down-sizing.

Is it unreasonable to suspect that what will actually materialize for them, after training, will be minimum wage positions? Take home pay sadly insufficient for them to meet basic living expenses, let alone child care? Are we looking at a whole generation of Home Alone kids?



Carol Clarkin

Further, these same caring and compassionate folks would like to deny cash aid to children born to teen-age mothers, out-of-wedlock babies, one must assume. This we're told, will cut down on such births.

If you really believe that kind of thinking, give me a call. I've got some really great real estate bargains available for such gullible innocents.

Then there's the matter of denying additional aid to welfare mothers who produce additional children. We're talking here about the popular figure of song and story, the lazy, promiscuous careless breeder who, together with her enormous brood, lives high on the hog at taxpayer expense.

Anyone interested in exactly how much of the lush life each additional baby provides should talk to a public aid employee. This particular feature attracted a lot of moral value legislators in the House initially. Let the lazy broad spread what aid she's already getting just a little thinner to cover an additional kid. That is, until those dedicated to anti-abortion picked up on the obvious, that the encroaching welfare queen might just opt to abort rather than cut back on the needs of her existing children. Not as many ultra-conservatives saluted when they ran that flag up the pole.

While we're at it, another puzzlement. Although nearly everyone agrees on the desirability of getting welfare recipients into the work force, these same House conservatives on the chamber's Ways and Means Committee have adopted a recommendation (vote, 21-15, strictly party-line) to cut \$23.3 billion from the budget by reducing the Earned Income Tax Credit that currently benefits the working (emphasis on "working") poor.

See what I mean about convoluted thinking? Victimization of children — and face it, that's the end result of the House proposals — has never ranked at all on my personal list of family values. I tend to pick on someone my own size.

Editorials

Anti-drug plan worthwhile

(The following editorials are reprinted from the Alton Telegraph.)

Law enforcement and social service agencies differ over whether marijuana use is a resurgent problem, but we doubt any one really objects to efforts to educate young people about the potential dangers of drug use.

The recently released 1994 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse claims teen-age marijuana use has doubled since 1992.

The study reports that some 1.8 million teen-agers were among the 12.2 million Americans who used drugs during 1994. As many as 1.3 million teen-agers tried marijuana, the report says.

Some local law enforcement officials are somewhat skeptical of the figures and report that they have not seen an unusual increase in the number of arrests involving marijuana and teen-agers.

But even those officials agree marijuana use has been a steady problem for decades.

Whatever the degree of the problem, we doubt anyone would reject a cooperative venture between Piasa Health Care and the state's Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse to prevent marijuana use among teens. The "Marijuana — Don't Blow It" campaign will provide educational materials and speakers to county schools to inform students about the dangers of pot use.

Fast on the heels of a time when even a president and U.S. Supreme Court nominees admit having experimented with marijuana, it is sometimes difficult to convince teen-agers that marijuana use can be a step toward the use of more dangerous drugs.

But if the anti-marijuana campaign eeters even a few youngsters from the dangerous path toward crack cocaine and other deadly drugs, it will be well worth it.

We hope school districts will take full advantage of the program as part of their continuing efforts to help children resist the risky temptations around them.

Jail riot provides reminder

If we needed it, a recent riot at the Madison County Jail is yet another reminder that the pace of justice is an injustice to the public.

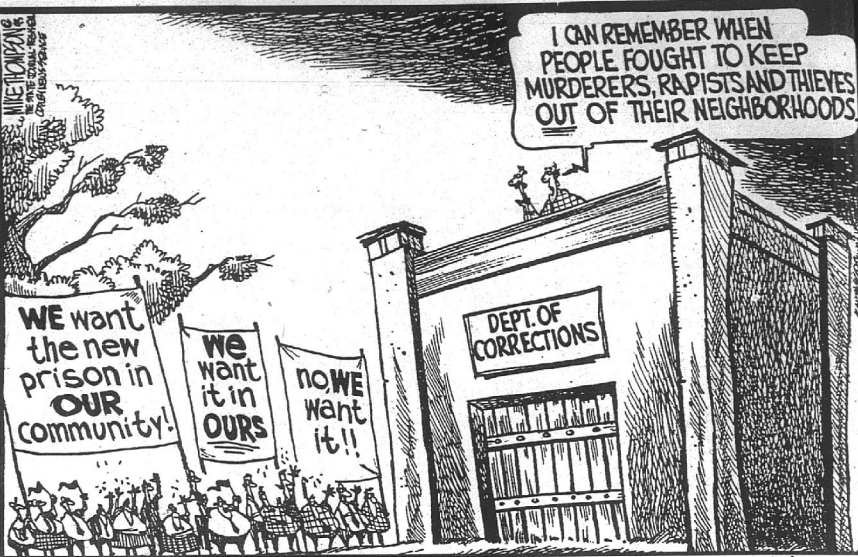
We have no reason to doubt jailers' contention that the riot was led by a prisoner who is awaiting sentencing for his conviction in the execution murders of five people in Eagle Park.

The prisoner has been held in the jail for nearly two years since his arrest in November 1993, one year pending trial and nearly a year after his conviction.

He faces life in prison or even the death penalty, so, as Sheriff Bob Churchill points out, he has little to lose.

Jail inmates, by circumstance, are seething with hostility and anger. Justice delayed can only serve to turn up the heat to the boiling point.

We agree with the sheriff that lawyers and judges bear personal responsibility for the dangers to which jailers are being exposed on a daily basis.



Harris began BAC success story

The recent death of Robert "Bob" Harris of Granite City brings to mind the efforts by him and others to advance Belleville Area College and its Granite City Campus.

Bob was the top officer of Madison County's real estate assessment office (Board of Review) and he was the first local member of the BAC board.

Belleville College for many years represented only the Belleville area, in contrast to its current jurisdiction as a multiple-county junior college district.

Even in the early years after its boundary expansion, most activity remained concentrated in Belleville, until Harris' unexpected election victory.

The boundary widening had occurred after the state decided it would be more convenient to students and more cost-effective to encourage people to attend community colleges for their freshman and sophomore years.

They could then transfer their credits to state universities, which are more costly to build and operate.

Some local residents proposed forming a college district in the area of Venice, Madison, Granite City, Ponton Beach and Mitchell. Others opposed it as a burden on property owners.

To limit the number of districts, Illinois began raising



Bill Winter

the minimum figures for population and tax base.

Ultimately, every square foot of the state was required to be part of a two-year district, and 33 were created.

It appeared the state would assign Granite City to Lewis and Clark, a big district that included the Alton area.

After Collinsville joined BAC, the Granite City area found itself contiguous to both BAC and Lewis and Clark. The state designated East St. Louis as a separate district, the only one so fully subsidized that it would not be required to levy a property tax.

Leo Konzen, Bob J. Davis and I studied the outlook and reported our findings to the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber launched a campaign for its community to join BAC, rather than Lewis and Clark, and this was accomplished.

BAC initially operated here through night extension centers at Granite City and Madison

high schools and then rented my former grade school, Washington School in Granite City.

This was a fine start but clearly inadequate as a day-class center.

When the public schools decided to close Granite City High School North after 10 years (1978-89), BAC rented the attractive, air-cooled complex and expanded services in the northwest corner of its territory. Then, North High was sold to BAC in 1988.

BAC acquired a big non-Belleville center (later adding one in Red Bud). The cost was low, even counting the roof, furnace and other equipment upgrades that followed.

Granite City's never-ending public-school enrollment rise reversed itself after some big industries shut down. A second high school no longer was needed, and the community gained local college services on a scale that could not have been achieved in any other way.

There were skeptics, but BAC and Granite City derived many benefits. A high caliber of education is being provided at a bargain price, and the public has responded tremendously. It truly is a win-win situation.

Bob Harris was the first local board member, in the 1970s, and Bob Maxwell is the current

local member. B.J. Davis served until recently as provost of the campus.

At the risk of overlooking many who played a role at BAC and its Granite City Campus, I'll mention five others.

H.J. Habersacker, Bruce Wissore and Joseph Cipri served well as BAC presidents during key parts of its history.

Retired State Rep. Sam Wolf was instrumental in enacting helpful laws, including the one mandating seven geographic areas for the election of board members.

And Avery Schermer of Granite City brought his outstanding business skills and education expertise to the board as a longtime member and chairman.

In 1983, when Avery urged renting North, other board members resisted, but finally allocated a half-million dollars for "losses" during the first two years, after which they expected to close the center. Instead, it is highly profitable.

The needed first-semester total was set at 20,000 credit hours; 25,000 hours were attained and the growth since then has been phenomenal.

Today, there is a new chapter in the success story: every Granite City Campus classroom is full.

Letters to the editor

Labor unions are an answer

TO THE EDITOR:

To all working men and women, young and old:

The time has come when we must take a stand. Corporate America is attacking our rights.

All of us have a right to earn a fair wage and have a safe and healthy way of life.

All of us are losing these few basic rights our fathers fought for and died for in this country.

Those of you who are sick of being forced to work (part-time, low wages, no health care) for companies who don't give a damn about you, labor unions are the answer.

If you are interested in organizing a union in your shop, you can fight.

I ask you to contact me. Let me prove to you who I am. I belong to the United Steel Workers of America. Then only you and I will talk.

It's time. Don't waste it.

PAUL REAGAN
Granite City

A lesson from Roman Empire?

TO THE EDITOR:

The great Roman Empire, which stood for hundreds of years, toppled into ruins due to "internal moral decay." It

destroyed itself. The people also relied heavily on the government "dole." They lost their initiative to work — to maintain the greatness that was Rome.

Some of the same circumstances and conditions are happening today in America. Our demise is prevalent in the epidemic use of drugs, the crime of this country, violence, alcoholism, sexual books, movies, TV and pornographic material has degraded the quality of life to the ruin of any country.

I was pleased to be in the drug abuse parade this last Saturday, dressed as General MacArthur. My driver, Wally Vybryck, instilled the great general's "credo" — duty, honor, country — words to live by.

The very basis of our country is the "family," which is being torn to shreds when you consider that almost four million couples are "live-ins" (co-habiting) without the blessing of marriage. A third of our mothers today are unwed single mothers, mostly young girls.

Maybe we can learn something from history because history repeats itself. If we look back, something might be catching up with us.

STEVE KONKOVICH
Granite City

Funeral care deserves thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband, Joseph, passed

away on Friday, Sept. 8, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

I want to commend and thank Randy Irwin for the beautiful and loving care that he extend-

ed to my family and me in conducting the funeral of Joe. We will treasure the memories always.

SOPHIA THOMAS
Granite City

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People

The Wolf is innocent!

Drama specialist says kids learn better through story participation

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The wolf was framed — he didn't deliberately blow down those houses. It's just that he had allergies — and what kind of fools build their homes out of straw and twigs anyway?

And after it was all over he didn't want to let those nice, fat piggies go to waste.

At least that's the way Ann Hagemann tells it.

Hagemann, a drama specialist with the Illinois Arts Council for the past seven years, gave a performance of "Rapunzel and Friends" at Marshall, Prather and Lake elementary schools recently. The performance included songs, dancing and melodrama — much of it acted out by students with Hagemann's assistance.

The melodrama included all the elements — a heroine who liked to sweep the floor, a villain with a black cape, and a hero with a tall white hat.

As the heroes and villains came "onstage" other performers would lift cards calling for applause or boos and hisses.

Chris Kemp, a third-grader at

Prather Elementary, was the hero in one of the performances. His own part was "boring" and the hat was hot, but the rest of the program was "cool."

Elizabeth Vinyard, a sixth-grader at the school, was one of the villains.

"It was OK," she said. "But I don't like being booed."

Hagemann said involving the students is important.

"If they are a part of the show itself, they're going to retain that," she said. "It will be a much more personal memory for them. So they can remember when I was on the stage, I can remember what a melodrama is, or what mime is. It has a bigger impact."

During her performance Hagemann also acquainted students with stage terms and different types of performances.

"As a performer through the Illinois Arts Council, we are told to stress not only that performance is fun, but educational," she said.

"The state mandated a few years ago that the arts be integrated into the classroom. So when I came into a school I feel it's important not only to perform but to educate them and tell students this is something they can do, and through drama they can learn about history, or they can learn about English and literature," she said.

Hagemann has a degree in musical theater, and also performs in Alphabet Soup, a children's theater troupe in Chicago.

In the past few years, the Granite City School District has received approximately \$73,000 in grants to develop a elementary school fine arts program. Hagemann's performance is part of that plan.

In addition to performing, Hagemann worked with district teachers last year to help integrate drama into the classroom.

"Last year I was here in



Ann Hagemann performs her part as Shirl, Rapunzel's hairdresser, before inviting the students up to act out the story of Shirl's most famous customer.

November and presented four programs for the teachers to help them understand the art form of drama, which is very different from theater," she said.

The emphasis was on how to use drama to teach.

"The children will have more fun learning the activity, and if they are physically as well as mentally involved, they will retain it," she said.

The drama can be as simple as using a story for a math class, or having students form geometric shapes.

"Geometry is my favorite thing to teach with drama, because we can make shapes," she said. "I see myself as a performer who can also share my love of the arts with the teachers and the students and help them to grow."



Prather School third-grade teacher Dina Trimpe was as entertained as were some of her students.

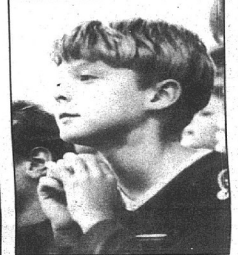


Prather School sixth-grader Jacob Smith helps Hagemann move on to the next show by carrying a box containing some of her props.

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— Ann Hagemann
Drama specialist

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John Frese



Sixth-grader Dennis Cooper watches a melodrama done with the assistance of his schoolmates.

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— Ann Hagemann



Third-grader Amanda Fletcher watches the Three Little Pigs from the wolf's point of view.



Above, Ann Hagemann introduces herself to the students of Prather School before beginning her show. Below, kindergarten Heather Dover laughs at one of Hagemann's skits with the students on the stands behind her.



Prather School students assembled in the gymnasium to watch the presentation.

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Amber Curtiss, a second grader at Prather School, waves her hand in the air trying to get Congressman Costello to answer her question.



U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello presents a flag flown at the U.S. Capitol building to Prather School Assistant Principal Virgil Kambarian, second from left, and members of the school's beautification committee.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRIES) Prather School second grader Josh Gray waits for a chance to ask Congressman Costello a question which he prepared before the assembly.

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you become a congressman?" "What is your job like?" "Where do our taxes go?" and "How much money do you make?" "Your parents can't go to Washington every day ... so they send me," Costello said.

"We're trying to pass laws — rules and regulations — to make your lives better," Costello told the students that he has been to 10 to 12 foreign countries.

"This is the best country with the best system of government in the world," Costello said.

"What I like best about my job is helping

people. What I like least about my job is that I spend a lot of time away from my family.

"When I go to bed at night and think about Bosnia and all the problems in this country.

"I can also think about all the good we have been able to do for people," he said.

Costello said his most difficult task as a congressman is to try to balance the budget without hurting people.

Asked about President Bill Clinton, Costello said that he doesn't always agree with the president.

"But he is one of the brightest, most energetic ... presidents we have had in recent history," Costello said.

"On a scale of one to 10, I think President Clinton is a 10 as a person and as a leader."

Costello said he will run for re-election in 1996, but has other plans for the future.

"I don't intend to stay in Congress the rest of my life," he said.

Regarding taxes: "I guess we could cut everybody's taxes in half or tell them they don't have to pay anything."

"But then we'd be a Third World country," he said.

He also said televising the O.J. Simpson murder trial was "one of the worst things that has happened to the criminal justice system."



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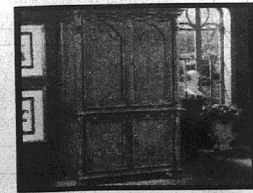
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Life Chain event set for Sunday

The Granite City Life Chain will be held Sunday, Oct. 1, with hundreds of Granite City residents forming a chain of life in the form of a cross along the sidewalks of Madison Avenue and Namook, Johnson and Fehling Roads.

This stand of solidarity by Granite City residents is to remind everyone that all hope for the future begins with life. Life in all its stages is precious and worthy of continued community support, that to purposefully end lives of the unborn children is gravely wrong.

Signs held by life-loving citizens will state, "Adoption: The Loving Option," "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," "Jesus Forgives and Heals" and "Abortion Hurts Women and Kills Children."

This silent and prayerful event will take place from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Many pastors from area churches are committed to participate as well as representatives from St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Approval by the Granite City School Board and community officials has been given.

All persons are invited to be a link in the life chain. Persons, families or groups not preregistered can go to the life chain information center at First Assembly of God Church's parking lot, 24th Street and Madison Avenue, across from the Granite City Post Office, at 2:15 p.m. and become a link in the chain. Small children under parental supervision are welcome. Elderly persons and persons with disabilities can bring chairs to aid them in their witness for life.

The Life Chain 1995 promises to be the largest pro-life event in the history of Madison County and one of the largest events in the history of our country.

For additional information, contact your pastor or one of the area coordinators, Joyce Taff or Mary Ann Glossek at 432-8182; Joe Thompson at 797-0442; or Mark Yehling at 931-7206.

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Orders for the Granite City Centennial book, "Granite City: A Pictorial History," will be taken starting Friday, Sept. 29, in a variety of locations throughout the city.

The book costs \$30.

A book sale kickoff is planned for 7 p.m. Friday at Centennial Headquarters, 3232 Nameoki Rd. in the Bellemore Village Shopping

Center.

The 200-page hardback book, which includes more than 500 historical photographs, describes the events, businesses and people in Granite City's history, including William and Frederick Niedringhaus, the city's founders.

The Niedringhaus brothers founded a graniteware business here and purchased property as the industry flourished. The Granite City steel mills and stamping works were constructed at that time.

Other locations where the book can be ordered include: First Bank, 3600 Nameoki Rd.; Central Bank, 2400 Madison Ave. or 3303 Nameoki Rd.; Magna Bank, 1960 Edison Ave.; 3206 Nameoki Rd. or 2400 Ponton Rd.; Roosevelt Bank, 1825 Delmar Ave. or 1529 Johnson Rd.; Omni Bank, 3830 Nameoki Rd.; Guardian Savings Bank, 1324 Niedringhaus Ave. or 3800 Nameoki Rd.; Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, 1831 Delmar Ave.; and Tops N Bottoms, 1343 19th St.

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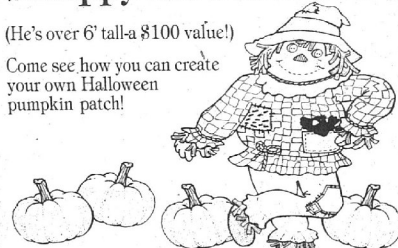


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Obituaries



Latsa Popovsky

Latsa (Pirovsky) Popovsky, 92, of Madison, died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient for one month.

Born July 15, 1903, in Kostonets, Macedonia, Mrs. Popovsky had been an area resident for 77 years. She was a housewife and mother. She was a member of Sts. Cyril and Method Eastern Orthodox Church in Granite City.

Survivors include a son, Louis Popovsky of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and a daughter, Eleanor Popovsky of Madison.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Christo N. Popovsky, whom she married Aug. 29, 1926, in Madison; her parents, Dimitar and Stolina (Teriovska) Pirovsky; and a brother, Eli Pirovsky.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Sts. Cyril and Method Eastern Orthodox Church, 4770 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Andrew Moulton officiating. Burial in St. John Cemetery in Granite City. Arrangements by Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home in Madison.

Memorials are requested for Sts. Cyril and Method Eastern Orthodox Church.

Esther Lesko

Esther "Ebbie" (Sullivan) Lesko, 76, of Granite City, died at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 1995, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis, following

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communities, he said.

"We would take any suggestions to the City Council and the mayor for recommendations on which approach to follow," he said.

Hartford Mayor Ron Goode said he is not opposed to looking at a feasibility study but the village is not capable of sharing the cost this year.

"I'd have to look at the study and consider what kind of bottom line we're looking at," he said. "We would have to bring it to the (Village) Board."

If a study is done, Goode said the group would need to hire a professional with a great expertise in the field.

Goode said Hartford shares a number of services with South Roxana and Wood River aimed at cutting costs. All four communities use the same regional waste water plant and police dispatching services in Wood River and share equipment when possible.

"If they get in a bind, we send people and equipment to their town, and we've been doing that a number of years. We are not opposed to looking at anything that could save money."

Growth Association President Jim Bowman said he would consider any request from towns interested in a study.

"We can't do the study because we don't have that expertise, but we would be willing to help select an organization or consultant to analyze possible economies if requested," he said.

The combined populations of the four communities would be 16,648.

A study would have to analyze the numbers and the level of services communities wanted to maintain to see if savings were possible. They could look at eliminating duplicate street or park maintenance equipment or fire apparatus to cut costs, he said.

Wood River Fire Chief Guy Williams said the four communities practice savings through equipment purchases and are involved in mutual aid for firefighting and training programs.

"I'm not sure joining the communities would be a good idea as far as public services go, but giving communities the biggest bang for their bucks is supposed to be what we're looking at," he said.

By joining forces, the fire departments might get a better fire rating and save on insurance rates in all the communities, he said.

Clark filed an assessment appeal with the Madison County Board of Review Sept. 8, the day after Shell appealed its 1995 assessment. Amoco Petroleum Additives Co. recently negotiated a tax cut for its shuttered additives plant, cutting the assessment from \$74.9 million to \$20.8 million by 1998.

Clark officials say the company's 1995 assessment of about \$16.5 million, based on a market value of about \$49.5 million, is excessive. The market value of the property is no more than \$20 million, the company maintains.

Shell has asked for a 63 percent cut of its assessment to about \$33.3 million.

Madison County has joined Roxana, Roxana School District, Wood River Township Hospital and Roxana Library District in opposing Shell's appeal.

—From the Alton Telegraph

a five-week illness. She was born Aug. 7, 1920, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Lesko was owner of Ebbie's Confectionery for 25 years prior to her retirement in 1993.

Survivors include her husband, John Lesko; one son, Rick Lesko of Collinsville; two daughters, Shirley Ryan and Pat Fricker, both of Granite City; four sisters, Anna Urban and Mildred Hordesky, both of Granite City; Eva Gilcho of Madison and Martha Seebold of St. Louis; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Mary (Fritzsche) Sullivan; and three sisters, Helen Duncan, Mary Novosel and Rose Sullivan.

Mrs. Lesko's remains were cremated.

No services were held. Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the Beverly Farms in Godfrey.

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Oresovich and Florence Toth, both of Granite City; Helen Blato of Madison and Victoria Naumoff of Alliance, Ohio; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Skubish, whom she married Sept. 28, 1929, in Granite City, and who died in July 1986; her parents, Jacob and Antonia Richelson; and one brother, Bernard Richelson.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City, where a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 2300 Pontoon Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Myrtle Hall

Myrtle Hall, 82, of Venice died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1995, at her residence. She was born in Como, Miss.

Survivors include three sons, Willie Frank Hall of Venice, Thomas Lee Hall of San Jose, Calif., and Calvin Hall of East St. Louis; three daughters, Gwendolyn Smith and Bernice Thomas, both of Venice, and Laura Harris of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters, Mary Jane Wilson of Detroit, Robie Carter of Jersey, Ind., and Blanche Border of Madison; 30 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Quinn Temple A.M.E. Church in Venice with the Rev. Lee Pittman officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Milledale.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

L.T. Cook

L.T. Cook, 60, of Brooklyn died at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1995, at Elmwood Health Care Center in Maryville. He was born in Vardimen, Miss.

Employed with the American Steel Foundry, T.J. Moss Tire Plant and Colonial Brick Company, he was a member of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Cook; and eight siblings, J.W. "Smookey" and Leon Cook, Catherine Beckett, Janice Cook and the Honorable Ruby "Chester" Cook, all of Brooklyn, Lou Jean Clayborne of Kirkwood, Mo., and Geneva and Alvin Tanner, both of Fairview Heights.

Services were Saturday, Sept. 23, at First Corinthian Baptist Church in Brooklyn with the Rev. Frank Glover officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Milledale.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

Helen Voyles

Helen M. (Pike) Voyles, 80, of Granite City died at 11:43 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 1995, at St.

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Elizabeth Medical Center, following a one-year illness. She was born July 27, 1915, in Wildrose, N.D., and had been a resident of Granite City for 45 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one son, John Voyles of New Albany, Ind.; two daughters, Annabelle Hill of Glen Carbon and Libby Bell of St. Louis; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Anna (Fitzpatrick) Pike.

Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Davis Funeral Home, 2121 Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

Services are at 9 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2808 Washington Ave. in Granite City. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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Bazaar, chili dinner planned

Mount Zion General Baptist Church, 2327 Mockingbird Lane in Granite City, will be hosting the 7th annual bazaar and chili dinner from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

The chili is all-you-can-eat. Prices are \$3.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children ages 5-12 and free for children under five.

Crafts and a bake sale will also be available.

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Home program gets \$400,000

Madison County residents can get a boost to home ownership with federal money available through the HOMEbuyer program.

County officials said the federal government has approved an additional \$400,000 for the program for the federal fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

A first-year pilot program has already committed \$380,000 in federal money to qualified county residents for home buying expenses such as down payments, closing costs and other assistance. That money has sparked another \$1.3 million in mortgage loans from local lenders, said Cheryl Jount, Madison County Community Development director.

Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer said the program has two purposes.

"The goal is to strategically utilize our housing funds to create home ownership opportunities that would not otherwise exist and to strengthen our relationships with local lenders," Hagnauer said.

So far, 41 households have been helped in the demonstration phase of the program. On average, each household received about \$9,000, used to obtain a \$31,000 loan.

The average home purchased under the pilot program was priced at \$41,244 for a family of three people with an annual income of \$23,500. The typical home buyer was required to come up with \$1,600 as a down payment to qualify for the mortgage.

Annual household income for a family of four can be no more than \$35,700. Eligible home buyers may qualify for up to \$15,000 in assistance through a combination of grants and low-interest loans.

Single-family homes must pass the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's housing quality standards.

More information about the HOMEbuyer program may be obtained by calling Madison County Community Development at 692-8940. Participating lenders are: The Bank of Edwardsville, all locations; Illinois State Bank, all locations; Creve Coeur Mortgage, Alton; Central State Bank, Jerseyville; Magna Bank, all locations; Clover Leaf Bank, Edwardsville; Mark Twain Bank, Edwardsville; Mortgage Makers, Edwardsville; First Financial Bank, Glen Carbon; Mercantile Bank of Illinois, Alton; PNC Mortgage, Bethalto; Metro Savings Bank, Wood River; and First Federal Savings & Loan, Edwardsville.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Voter registration open for November election

Take advantage of these places of registration in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 7 non-partisan election.

Absentee ballot applications and information must be secured from the county clerk's

office. Simply write to the county clerk for the information.

Oct. 8 is the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the non-partisan election. The

county clerk's office will be closed Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Deputies from the county clerk's office will be at the following locations to register citizens:

County Clerk's Office: Administration Building, Suite 109, Edwardsville, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Chouteau: Barbara Overton, Township Office, by appointment, 931-0393; Granite City: Judy Whitaker, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday;

Madison: Township Assessor's Office, 910 Madison Ave., 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; Namekott Township: Helen Hawkins, 428 Hwy. 102, Granite City, by appointment, 797-6009 or 931-1230;

Pontoon Beach: Louis Whitsell, Pontoon Beach Village Clerk, 3910 Illinois 111, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Venice: Comproller's Office, 329 Broadway, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; Secretary of State Drivers License Facility: Granite City — 1815 Edison, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Never Clean Your Gutters Again. Guaranteed!!

Now something new and different promises to make cleaning your gutters a chore of the past. The United States and Canadian patent offices have granted patents on a unique gutter add-on system called Gutter Helmet.

Homeowners cannot simply ignore gutters stuffed full of leaves, pine needles, maple seeds, twigs, tennis balls or dead rodents. In the spring, gutters become full of seed pods that form a paste that blocks the downspout strainer or seal off screens that may have been installed over the top of the gutters.

If the homeowner fails to clean the gutter, water runs over both the front and back of the gutter, causing the fascia board to rot, damaging plants, and eventually leaking into the basements. Cleaning the gutters generally involves a series of trips up and down a ladder at least twice a year—a dangerous and unpleasant chore.

Cleaning the gutters from the roof, which is both awkward and risky, results in a substantially shorter shingle life. And the bad news is the overhanging, freezing, etc. continues even when the gutters are only partially filled. The only effective solution lies in preventing debris from entering the gutters.

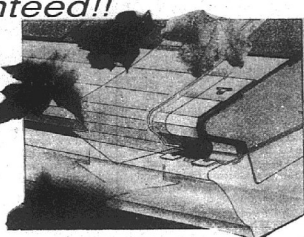
Homeowners report that the Gutter Helmet system keeps the gutters clean season after season, even in areas where maple seeds, pine needles, and seed pods are a problem. They also report that Gutter Helmet eliminates the problem of snow and ice damaging your gutters as it slides off the roof.

Unlike the various screen and louvers devices, Gutter Helmet is made of impervious aluminum and does not require periodic cleaning. Installed over the gutter, the system is based upon the simple scientific principle of surface tension and is engineered to induce water around a nose and into the gutter. Debris landing on it will flow over the side or is blown away by the wind.

Tests simulating the heaviest rainfalls experienced in North America, those on the Gulf coast, demonstrate that the Gutter Helmet system can accommodate flows of equal and greater magnitude.

To satisfy the skeptics, the developers have devised a simple "sink demonstrator" for use under the faucet in a kitchen sink. There is the ability of the system to clean large quantities of water around the nose, is evident.

The installation is hardly seen on the house. Only the "nose" is visible. Homeowners report that visitors fail to notice the Gutter Helmet installations. And, Gutter Helmet can be installed on almost any style of roof and any type of gutter.



The amazing Gutter Helmet directs the rain into the gutter--and leaves out the leaves.

American Metal Products, a division of the Fortune 500 MASCO CORPORATION, which manufactures Gutter Helmet, is offering a 20 year written limited warranty on Gutter Helmet installations. It states the system is guaranteed to keep your gutters free flowing, or your money back.

Although Gutter Helmet was first patented in 1983, and has been installed on thousands of homes throughout the United States since 1989, there had been no authorized installers in the Southern Illinois Area until recently, when they announced the addition of The Dannel Corporation to their network of over 300 installers.

Most East area residents can now take advantage of factory direct prices, which include gutter and downspout cleaning and Gutter Helmet installation. For a free estimate and demonstration, call 1-800-956-6445.

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Briefly Holiday Harvest this weekend

Holiday Harvest at Rellike Pumpkin Patch near Cahokia Mounds is this Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

There will be food and fun for the family with proceeds going to help children.

Holiday Harvest is a non-profit foundation. It was created in 1978 by farmers to raise money for needy children in the St. Louis-Southern Illinois area and to promote the value of agriculture.

Sponsors include Illinois Farm Bureau and WLCM 92 FM. All gifts are tax-deductible.

The Rellike Pumpkin (and Horseshoe) Farm is the perfect fall setting for country fun. You'll find dozens of arts and craft vendors, great food, and live entertainment.

Activities for the kids include straw houses, animals, giant corn maze, pony rides, the haunted barn, kiddie pedal tractor pulls, camel rides, hayrack rides, and pictures with the Great Pumpkin.

There will be a Ronald McDonald Magic Show on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Apple Fest Oct. 7

The Yanda Log Cabin, located on Main Street in Glen Carbon, is having its 4th annual Apple Fest 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

The highlight of the celebration will be Friends of the Yanda Log Cabin volunteers making homemade apple butter in large copper kettles. While the apple butter is cooking, the Glen Carbon Kiwanis will be selling barbecue and the Yanda Friends will be selling apple pie for dessert.

Variety of fish available

If you need some fish to restock your pond now is the time to get your order in to the Soil and Water Conservation District. You will be able to purchase channel catfish, hybrid blue gill, bass, fathead minnows and triploid grass carp (the weed eating fish). Orders for the triploid grass carp need to be in by Oct. 5, 1995 and for the other fish by Oct. 15. Fish must be paid for in advance. The fish will be delivered to the District office on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 9 a.m. at the USDA building at 7205 Marine Road in Edwardsville.

To place an order call the Madison County SWCD office at 656-5166.

Road rules course Friday

Secretary of State George H. Ryan, in cooperation with Granite City Council of Senior Citizens, is offering a Rules of the Road review course for all citizens in the Granite City area. It is free to everyone, any age, who wishes to attend.

The two-hour course is designed to answer questions about the Rules of the Road and to assist participants in preparation for examination. Topics include written, vision and road tests.

The Rules of the Road review course will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Granite City Township Building, 2060 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. Preregistration is not required. Call 877-4373 for more information.

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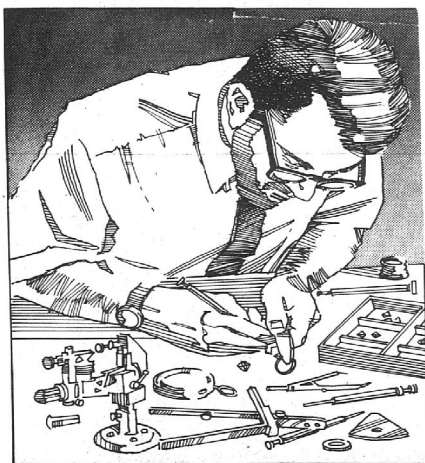
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Warriors' kick start tops Kahoks 2-1

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors staked themselves to a two-goal first-half lead, and held on for a 2-1 win against the Collinsville Kahoks in an important Southwestern Conference game played at the Gauntlet in Granite City.

The Warriors, who were beaten by the Kahoks on Sept. 7 at Kahok Stadium, came out firing everything they had at the Collinsville goal.

THE WARRIORS SCORED twice in a 12-minute span of the first half, as sophomore Josh Hickam and junior Scott Mills each tallied goals.

The Kahoks (7-2-2) looked hesitant throughout the game until Donnie Smith was pulled down in the penalty box midway through the second half. After that point, they pressured the Warriors (7-3-3) during the final 15 minutes.

Kahoks coach Ron Rowden was not happy with his play in the first half, and had a few choice words at intermission.

Rowden basically told them that it



Justin McMillian (left) races Collinsville's Aaron Wilkerson to the ball.

is an embarrassment to Collinsville High School to be associated with that team that was on

the field in the first half," he said.

"I TALKED ABOUT us giving Granite City confidence by us backing off away from balls. We backed off on more 50-50 balls and more head balls in the first half than we did all year. I told them we have to win the 50-50 balls and put pressure on them."

Granite City coach Gene Baker was thrilled with his team's play, but he disputed the penalty kick given to the Kahoks at the 56:39 mark.

"We're very happy, and we think it was more than a 2-1 game," Baker said. "All power to Collinsville, but we think we played better than that. No way was that a penalty kick on that play, it's something I wish we could get away with. But overall, we're pleased; this was a big win for us."

The Warriors pulled off possibly their best executed play of the year at the 12:37 mark. Steve Logan beat two defenders on the right wing and curled a pass to the far post, where Hickam was waiting patiently. He headed in the pass from the (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

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GCBS — Scott Mills (Brian Meyer, 24:08)	
Second Half	
CHS — Darrin Compton (PK), 56:39	
Shots: CHS 12, GCBS 8	
Corners: GCBS 5, CHS 2	
Fouls: CHS 15, GCBS 15	

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Soccer

Week of Sept. 26

1. CBC (1).....	13-0-0
2. Vanney.....	11-2-1
3. Lindbergh (2).....	NA
4. DeSmet (4).....	10-2-0
5. Collinsville (5).....	7-1-2
6. Hazelwood Central (7).....	10-0-0
7. Howell North (6).....	NA
8. St. Mary's (8).....	NA
9. St. Mary's (9).....	NA
10. Aquinas Mercy (10).....	4-4-2

(Last week's rankings in parentheses)
Also receiving votes, in order: Granite City, Rosary.

GCHS win closes conference gap

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

A win Tuesday night by the Collinsville Kahoks would have put them in an almost untouchable position in capturing the Southwestern Conference soccer title.

However, the Granite City Warriors proved that the conference crown is still up for grabs with a 2-1 victory over the Kahoks at the Gauntlet.

Josh Hickam and Scott Mills each scored first-half goals for the Warriors. The Kahoks' goal came when Darrin Compton converted a penalty kick in the second half.

"WE BUILD FOR the state tournament," GCHS coach Ron Rowden said. "We've never used the conference championship as a motivator. We always emphasize development through games like this to get to the

'We like to do well in the conference when we can, but we just want to get better every game at this point... This is a big week for us, because we're playing the two conference teams that have beaten us this year.'

— Gene Baker
GCHS coach

state tournament, but right now we are our own worst enemy."

Granite City coach Gene Baker was immediately thinking about the Warriors' next SWC game this week. Granite City visits Belleville East at 4 p.m. today in a rematch of the Lancers' 2-1 upset victory over the Warriors on Sept. 12.

"We like to do well in the conference when we can, but we just want to get better every game at this point," Baker said. "It gets us back in it, though. This is a big week for us, because we're playing the two conference teams that have beaten us this year."

Right now the SWC race is still foggy. A more clear picture will be in sight after the Granite City-Belleville East match today. The Kahoks' next conference game is Oct. 5, when they travel to Alton.

"IF WE WIN the rest of the way we're OK," Rowden said. (See SWC, Page 3B)



Brian Meyer (right) tangles with Collinsville's Kyle Miller.

Lady Kahoks overcome GCHS spikers

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Mistakes continued to haunt the Lady Warriors on Tuesday, as they committed too many service errors and fell to host Collinsville 10-15, 13-15 in a Southwestern Conference volleyball match.

Granite City (10-4) got out to leads of 10-3 in the first game and 10-6 in the second game, but couldn't hold on either time. It made for a disappointing night for the Lady Warriors and coach Cindy Gagich, who was hoping for a big effort against the SWC rival Lady Kahoks (8-7).

"This is a tough conference loss for us," Gagich said. "Their No. 15 (Lauren Cook) gave us some tough serves. We were way up in that first game, and she came in and served 10 straight points. We got the serve back but couldn't hold the rally, then their next player served two straight. Two players, 12 points."

IN THE SECOND game, the Lady Warriors again dominated, going up 10-6 and then 13-11. But again, the Lady Kahoks served well enough to come back.

"Our kids seemed timid," Gagich said. "Their hitters forced the action on us, and their servers kept us out of our offense."

Gagich added that Collinsville played a smart game, while the Lady Warriors made too many mistakes. With conference powerhouse Belleville East coming to GCHS on Thursday, Gagich was hoping for a good game against Collinsville.

After the East match, GCHS returns to Fletcher Gymnasium on Saturday for the Collinsville Invitational Tournament.

GRANITE CITY PLAYS at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and is grouped in a pool with the host Lady Kahoks, Lincoln and Central. Granite City placed third in the tournament a year ago.

GCHS will be familiar with Collinsville and Lincoln, but Gagich said she knew little about the Orphan Annie's.

"I know a couple years ago they had some tall kids, but the last year or two I believe they've been a little weak," Gagich said. "You never know, and fortunately they open the tournament with a match against Collinsville, so we'll get a chance to take a look at them before we play them."

Jennifer Willis, who suffered a hand injury last week, saw plenty of action against Collinsville, all in the front row.

"SHE HIT PRETTY well, and she's doing really well recovering," Gagich said. "We tried to split up the hitting chores between three girls, and we were successful at that. Jennifer, Jenna (Wright) and Stephanie (Brandt) all got their share of attacks."

(See SPIKERS, Page 3B)

Player losses plague Lady Warriors after run in CM tourney

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

After a successful weekend, things turned for the worse for the Lady Warrior tennis team.

The Lady Warriors placed third at the Civic Memorial Tournament last weekend, taking one first-place medal, a pair of second-place medals and one third-place medal.

Geeta Kumar, still fuming from not being seeded in the tourney, dispatched all of her opponents in fine form and won the championship at No. 2 singles.

KUMAR WAS 7-1 entering the tournament, and GCHS coach Linda Ames couldn't believe she wasn't seeded in the tourney.

"She should have been the No. 1 seed probably," Ames said. "She beat the top-seeded player in the first match, and she was unstoppable after that. She really played well."

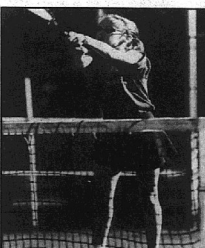
Jerseyville won the team title at the event, which also featured Alton, Marquette, Roxana and the host Eagles, among others.

Also faring well for the Lady Warriors were the doubles teams in the No. 4 and 3 positions. Marci Holsinger and Heather Hoeninger teamed up in the No. 1 spot and took second at the tournament. The No. 3 team of Krislin Niggli and Adina Lewis placed second.

ALSO PLACING HIGH was Melissa Smith, who was third at No. 3 singles.

But Saturday's success was quickly dampened by events this week. Ames lost four of her varsity players this week.

One apparently ran away from home, and no one knows her whereabouts. One other is currently academically ineligible, and two others suffered injuries.



Granite City's Kim Conway returns a shot in a doubles match Tuesday against Belleville East.

Hoeninger evidently hyperextended tendons in one of her knees at the CM tourney, and she is out indefinitely. And Lewis, playing in a JV match against Lincoln this week, fell and severely sprained her wrist. Neither player is expected back soon.

ON TUESDAY AGAINST Belleville East, Ames had to forfeit two singles spots, and GCHS lost 7-0 to the mighty Lancers.

"You can't put much stock in those matches against the Belleville teams," Ames said. "Especially East. They're so dominant."

Another strong opponent is Althoff, a team GCHS was scheduled to play on Sept. 19. But the match was rained out and postponed again by rain when the two teams tried to (See LADY WARRIORS, Page 3B)



GCHS defenders Matt Kelahan (left) and John Selliers converge to make a stop during Saturday's game at East St. Louis.

Fifth-ranked Tigers next test for GCHS

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors' killer schedule continues this week as they travel to Edwardsville to play the mighty Tigers — 5-0 and ranked No. 5 in the current Class 5A football poll.

By many accounts, the Tigers are the best large-school football team on this side of the river. So how do the Warriors play with this team?

COMING OFF A competitive game against Southwestern Conference rival East St. Louis, the Warriors proved they could play with the Tigers when they took a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

Although Edwardsville may be slightly better than the Flyers, the Warriors have improved each week up to this point, and there's no reason to think they will surprise the Tigers if taken lightly.

As far as GCHS coach Don Harris is concerned, the Tigers' offense is very quick, much like that of the Warriors' first-week opponent, Cahokia.

"We won't do anything new or very different," Harris said. "What we have to do is execute on defense, and not make mistakes. They have skilled players who execute very well and are very disciplined. They can run or throw, and they have a lot of weapons and create a lot of problems."

The Warriors are a bit banged up after Saturday's game. Harris said he will take things a bit easy this week, but many players will have to put the hurts out of their minds by Friday.

EDWARDSVILLE HAS THE offensive stars, but coach Tim Dougherty said he wishes his defense got more publicity.

"We just shut out a good Collinsville team, but you don't hear about that," he said. "We have a good mix of players on defense, and I haven't had to use players both ways more than necessary. We did a good job of rushing the quarterback last week, and I think that threw them out of their rhythm."

(See GCHS, Page 3B)



East St. Louis running back Isaac Reid eludes Granite City's Kevin Harris during Saturday's game.

(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Prep football

ALTHOFF CRUSADERS (5-0)

25 at Alton.....	W 28-6
September	
1 at Belleville East.....	W 13-7
9 Murphysboro.....	W 12-0
15 at Eureka (Mo.).....	W 26-0
22 at Belleville West.....	W 25-7
30 New Lenox Providence at ISU.....	6

October	
7 St. Louis Beaumont.....	2 p.m.
14 Poplar Bluff (Mo.).....	7:30 p.m.
21 at Spring Sacred H. Griffin.....	1 p.m.

ALTON REDBIRDS (1-4)

25 Althoff.....	L 6-28
September	
1 at Quincy.....	W 21-6
8 Collinsville.....	L 0-14
15 at East St. Louis Lincoln.....	18-49 L
22 Belleville East.....	L 7-25
29 at Jefferson City (Mo.).....	7:30 p.m.

October	
6 East St. Louis.....	7:30 p.m.
13 at Granite City.....	7:30 p.m.
20 at Belleville West.....	7:30 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS (1-4)

25 at Edwardsville.....	L 14-42
September	
1 Althoff.....	L 7-13
8 Mchville.....	L 6-33
15 SLUH.....	L 6-7
22 at Alton.....	W 35-7
29 East St. Louis.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
6 at Collinsville.....	7:30 p.m.
13 Belleville West.....	7:30 p.m.
20 at Granite City.....	7:30 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS (1-4)

25 at Moline.....	L 14-27
September	
2 Cahokia.....	L 7-25
8 at Granite City.....	W 41-21
16 at East St. Louis.....	L 27-58
22 Althoff.....	L 7-35
29 at Collinsville.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
6 at Francis Howell North.....	7:30 p.m.
13 at Belleville East.....	7:30 p.m.
20 Alton.....	7:30 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES (5-0)

25 Granite City.....	W 13-10
September	
2 at Belleville West.....	W 25-7
8 Mt. Vernon.....	W 14-9
15 Marion.....	W 32-14
22 at Carbondale.....	L 6-21
29 at Centralia.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
7 at East St. Louis Lincoln.....	1 p.m.
13 Edwardsville.....	7:30 p.m.
20 O'Fallon.....	7:30 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS (2-3)

25 at Civic Memorial.....	L 12-34
September	
1 Mascoutah.....	W 28-10
8 Alton.....	W 14-9
15 at Granite City.....	L 17-20
22 Edwardsville.....	L 6-21
29 Belleville West.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
6 Belleville East.....	7:30 p.m.
14 at O'Fallon.....	1 p.m.
20 East St. Louis.....	7:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA EAGLES (2-3)

August	
25 at Granite City.....	L 12-34

25 Arcola..... L 0-8

September	
1 Chester.....	W 32-14
8 at Freeburg.....	L 0-28
15 at Red Bud.....	W 6-0
22 Breese Central.....	L 0-28
29 at Carlyle.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
6 Dupu.....	7:30 p.m.
13 Waterloo.....	7:30 p.m.
20 at Gillespie.....	7:30 p.m.

DUPO TIGERS (1-4)

25 Sesser-Valier.....	L 0-7
September	
1 at Waterloo.....	L 7-40
8 Red Bud.....	W 21-0
15 at Carlyle.....	L 15-50
22 at Berkeley (Mo.).....	W 24-0
29 Freeburg.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
6 at Columbia.....	7:30 p.m.
13 Breese Central.....	7:30 p.m.
20 at Chester.....	7:30 p.m.

EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS (2-3)

27 at Chicago Simeon.....	L 22-30
September	
2 at Sumner.....	L 18-24
9 Hazelwood East.....	L 12-30
16 Belleville West.....	W 58-27
23 Granite City.....	W 36-22
29 at Belleville East.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
6 at Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
14 East St. Louis Lincoln.....	1 p.m.
20 at Collinsville.....	7:30 p.m.

ESL LINCOLN TIGERS (4-0)

26 Chicago Bowen.....	Ppd.
September	
1 at St. Louis Gateway.....	W (F.T.)
9 at St. Louis Roosevelt.....	W 39-0
15 Alton.....	W 49-18
22 St. Louis Beaumont.....	W 42-4
29 at Mt. Vernon.....	7:30 p.m.

October	
7 Cahokia.....	1 p.m.
14 East St. Louis Sr.....	1 p.m.
20 at Edwardsville.....	7:30 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS (5-0)

25 Belleville East.....	W 42-14
September	
1 at Carbondale.....	W 41-0
8 Chicago Kenwood.....	W 51-6
15 Paducah (Ky.) Tilghman.....	W 34-19
22 at Collinsville.....	W 21-0
29 Granite City.....	7:30 p.m.

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Sports shorts

Gateway fast-pitch tourney
The 12th annual Gateway Classic girls' fast-pitch tournament will be held on Oct. 27-29 at Johnny Mac's Sports Complex in Valley Park, Mo. The cost per team is \$150; and there is a five-game guarantee. For more information, call Wayne at 314-227-4956.

Men's basketball leagues
The Granite City Park District Men's Basketball Leagues are now being formed. The leagues will be played on Wednesday and Thursday at Grigsby Junior High and Prather Elementary Schools. The starting date for the program is Nov. 15. The entry fee is \$200 per team and can be paid at the Wilson Park Office. For more information, call Recreation Supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

Coe volleyball league
The Granite City Park District is planning a Coe volleyball league to be played Monday evenings at 7 p.m. The leagues will be played at Coolidge Junior High School. Entry fees for this program are \$150 per team plus \$25 for non-residents. Registration is being taken through Oct. 13. The league will begin play on Nov. 6.

For more information, call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

SISL Senior Showcase
The Southern Illinois Soccer League is looking for volunteers and players to participate in the 1995 Senior Showcase. The program is offered to senior boys and junior or senior girls who are interested in playing soccer at the collegiate level. Interested parties should send their name, address and phone number to: SISL Senior Showcase, P.O. Box 905, Collinsville, IL 62224. An exact date for the showcase has not been chosen, but it will be held sometime in early December.

Read Lake Bass tourney
The first Ainaad Temple Shriners Read Lake Bass Tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 1 at Wayne Fitzgerald

State Park. The entry fee is \$100 for a two-man team. Prizes, based on 100 teams, range from \$2,000 for first place to \$125 for 10th place. There will be other prizes and a big bass pot.

Half of the proceeds from the tournament will help renovate the Ainaad Shrine Temple, which was built in 1924. For more information, call Ken Halbrook at 632-6698.

Renegades softball tryouts
The Renegades, a Belleville area 14-under girls select fast-pitch softball team, will hold tryouts soon to complete their roster for a 35-plus-game schedule.

Players cannot be 15 before Sept. 1, 1996. For more information, call 294-8314.

18-and-over Metro team
A Metro East women's 18-and-over fast-pitch softball team will be forming for the 1996 softball season. There are openings available for most positions, but serious players only should inquire.

For more information, call Julie at 800-272-8814.

Rattlers tryouts
The 14-and-under St. Louis Rattlers girls' fast-pitch softball team is looking for a catcher and fielder for the 1996 season.

Girls must be born after Aug. 31, 1981. For more information, call Kirk at 314-638-1989 or Ron at 314-638-0879.

IAF softball tourney
The International Athletic Foundation will be holding a girls' fast-pitch softball tournament for 11- and 12-year-olds, and 13- and 14-year-olds. The tournament will be held Oct. 6-8 for the 11-12 age

group; and Oct. 13-15 for the 13-14 age group. The cost is \$175 per team, and four games are guaranteed for each team. For more information, call 397-9630, or Jim Turner at 286-3196.

St. Louis Lightning
The 10-under St. Louis Lightning girls' fastpitch softball team is conducting tryouts for girls born after Aug. 31, 1985. For information, call Don Leeker at (314) 576-5551.

St. Louis Raiders
The St. Louis Raiders 15-under girls' fastpitch softball team is holding tryouts for the 1996 season. For more information, call Jim at (314) 458-3921.

Thanksgiving soccer tourney
Epiphany Sports Association in St. Louis will hold a soccer tournament over Thanksgiving weekend for boys and girls CYC and recreational teams from kindergarten through sixth grade.

For an application or more information, call Tom Noser at (314) 647-0910.

Collinsville SportsCard Show
The next Collinsville SportsCard Show will be held Sunday, Oct. 8 at the Collinsville Gateway Center, located at the intersection of Illinois 157 and I-55 70.

The show will feature the Metro East's largest display of sports and non-sports cards and auto racing cards as well as phone cards, pogs and other collectibles.

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"We have one loss. Granite has two. The game doesn't hurt us one iota in the conference race. What will hurt us is if we lose to East. What that will mean, East (today) is if East beats us, it will be us with two losses, East with two losses and Granite with two losses so we'll have co-conference champs.

"Granite can win all the way down the stretch and they're going to have two losses. They'll be 6-2. If Belleville East beats Granite and beats us, they will be the champs with one loss."

Granite City is almost in the same predicament the Kahoks were in a year ago, when the Lancers stung Collinsville twice during the regular season. The Lancers' victory over the Warriors on Sept. 12 was East's first-ever win at the Gauntlet.

BAKER IS HOPING a win over the Lancers will cloud the SWC picture as well as help the Warriors build momentum for the Tournament of Champions, which begins Monday.

"The way the schedule falls, this was our final actual home game (against Collinsville)," Baker said. "We have the tournament next week, and then the postseason, but this is the last regular-season game we'll play here."

"East is a good team, and they really played well when they were here. That's a big game for us. We need to win that game if we want to stay in the race."

•GCHS

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"Our offense has been playing well, there's no doubt. I don't want to take anything away from them. It's just that the whole team has been playing well, otherwise we wouldn't be 5-0."

Dougherty added he expects to have his hands full with the Warriors. "We know they are a young ballclub, but we also know how they played last week, and the way they beat against Collinsville," Dougherty said. "Coach Harris has that group of kids

playing together, and a team that's together is always dangerous. No way will we take this team lightly. If we do, we deserve to lose."

Harris said his team wasn't hanging its head after the East Side loss, but the Warriors were disappointed with the result. "I think they realized that game was in their grasp," Harris said. "They're competitive, and you should be down a little after a loss. But we just have to correct some mistakes. You make a mistake against Edwardsville, and the ball's in the end zone."

•Spikers

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"(And Denise (McMillan) also had 10 attacks, so she was able to get involved as well. We just couldn't make any breaks, and the ones we did get, we couldn't take advantage of."

Cogh added that all teams make mistakes. The difference is how the girls react to their mistakes.

"All teams do make mistakes, but our girls are letting it both-er them, and it snowballs into another mistake and then another," Gagh said. "You have to be able to move on and put that behind you. We made five service errors, eight hitting errors and nine serve-receive errors against Collinsville. That's just too many."

•Lady Warriors

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play last Thursday. That match was scheduled to be completed on Wednesday, but the Lady Warriors stood little chance

having to forfeit two spots. With the sectional tournament approaching, Ames has recently paired Holsinger and Kumer in doubles — where they will likely play the rest of the season.

Ames believes that team can do well in the postseason.

"WE JUST STARTED doing that," Ames said. "If they can beat Althoff, it would help them in the sectional seeding. We are hoping for a fourth seed, or at least a fifth. If so, I think they could finish third and that would get them to state."



Granite City's Kyle Briggs (left) battles Collinsville's Derick Kaspar for the ball. The Warriors improved to 7-3 with Tuesday's win.

•Warriors

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doorstep of the Kahoks' goal, and Granite City led 1-0.

"It was a good goal," Baker said. "Logan and Hickam both played well, and Eric Edwards made a nice play at the beginning of that run. This is a young team, and we're still a little inexperienced. Some of these

guys just haven't played enough games yet, but we're making a lot of progress."

But Rowden wasn't sure the goal should have been scored in the first place. "The play that built up the first goal was on a questionable call and that's what led to that play developing," Rowden said. "We didn't clear the ball and it

went out to the wing side, and we had defenders not controlling the back post. It was a real nice goal, but it was one that shouldn't have happened."

Later in the first half, the Warriors struck again. This time Collinsville allowed Granite City to advance inside the box. Brian Meyer tried a shot that glanced off a Collinsville defender, and Mills grabbed up the rebound and connected on a low shot that beat goalkeeper Dustin Floyd.

On the second goal we backed up on defense and allowed the guy to turn," Rowden said. "He's the striker, uses the ball and has eyes for the goal, so he's going to fire it. He fired it and it went in."

"Scotty Mills has been on the mend a little, but he adds a lot of intelligence and determination in our lineup," Baker said. "That's something we can always use more of."

The Kahoks did have a couple direct kick opportunities before the half, but Granite City keeper Jeremy Smith made his share of fine saves. Donnie Smith was pulled down in the box at 56:38, and Darrin Compton converted the PK to get the Kahoks back in the game at 2-1. From that point the Collinsville kept Jeremy Smith and the Warriors' defense very busy until the final horn sounded.

Smith's best saves came late in the game, including a stop on a long left-footer by T.J. Thomas in the 80th minute. Smith also turned aside a breakaway chance by Derick Kaspar in the 74th minute.

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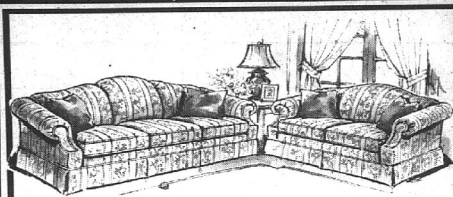
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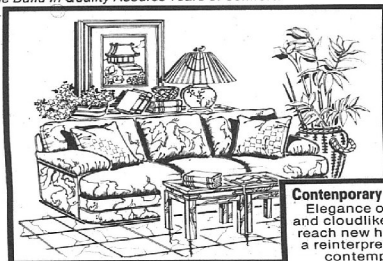


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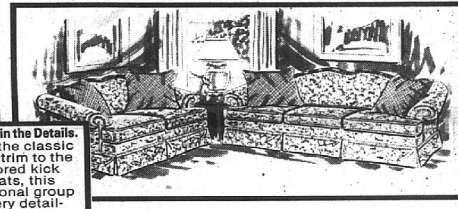
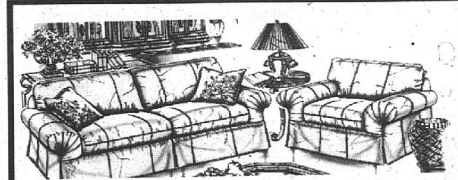
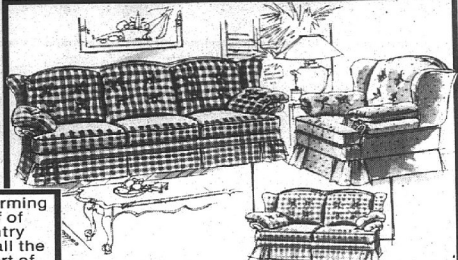
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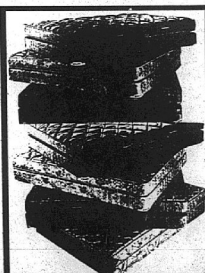
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Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BARYLSKI, Roger A., 41, of Granite City died at 1:47 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 1995, at his residence. Services were Tuesday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Frank Smith. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

DEZAN, Lora L. (Jones), 36, of Granite City died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 1995, at her residence. Services were Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Pete Bruno. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

HASS, Dortha (Baker), 73, of Cahokia died Sunday, Sept. 24, 1995, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. Services were Wednesday at Marmaduke United Methodist Church, Marmaduke, Ark., by the Rev. Jim Harvey's Chapel. Burial in my Dale Thresher. Burial in Marmaduke. Arrangements by Heath Funeral Home, Paragould, Ark. Local arrangements by Braun Colonial Funeral Home, Cahokia.

JACKOVICH, Rosa H., 58, of Madison died at 2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 1995, at her residence. Her body was donated to medi-

cal science. A memorial service was held Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison, by the Rev. James Keener. Arrangements by Lehey Sedack Funeral Home, Madison. Memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

KOSTOFF, Richard Joseph Jr., 24, of Granite City died at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 1995, in South Roxana. Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

MCKEE, Ronald C. "Buck", 59, of Granite City, formerly of Iberia, Mo., died at 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County.

MICHAELS, Laura E. (Stearns) Skipper, 74, of Granite City died at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 1995, at her residence. Services were Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Max Wood. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Gran-

ite City, or the American Cancer Society.

RAUB, Anna S., 77, of Pontoon Beach died at 3:25 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 1995, at her residence. Services were Tuesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County.

SCHILLINGER, Earl L., 67, of Granite City, formerly of Simpson, Ill., died at 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1995, at Rosewood Care Center, Alton. Services were Saturday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, St. Louis, or the Alzheimer's Association.

SPERANDIO, Joseph F., 93, of Glen Carbon died at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 1995, at Maryville Manor, Maryville. Services were Wednesday at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. Stephen Pohlmann. Burial in Glen Carbon City Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Weber Funeral Home, Edwardsville. Memorials to St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

WALLER, Timothea E. (Ruehhausen), 85, of Granite City died at 12:32 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Allen J. Keiter. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to St. John United Church of Christ, Granite City.

Barnett enrolls in ITT Tech

Gregory Barnett of Granite City has enrolled in the electronics engineering technology program at ITT Technical Institute, 13508 Lakewood Drive in Earth City, Mo. The local campus is one of a nationwide network of 54 ITT Technical Institutes operated by the Indianapolis-based ITT Educational Services Inc.

Barnett graduated from Marquette High School in 1986. The eight-quarter program, which began in September, will help prepare Barnett for an entry-level position in electronics.

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Young at Heart members hold picnic in park

Young at Heart members of Holy Family Catholic Church held a picnic at Wilson Park on Sept. 18 in lieu of a meeting.

President Clea Siebert welcomed members attending and Sister Jean Patrick led everyone in prayer. Norma Tankersley, refreshment chairperson, brought a ham and Siebert and Clea Schnefke brought coffee. Numerous casseroles and desserts, furnished by members, were enjoyed.

Connie McGee, membership chairperson, reported 51 members in attendance. Siebert reminded everyone that an auction will be conducted at the October meeting, to be held Oct. 16 at Holy Family Community Center. The winning will be the auctioneer. Members were urged to save their usable items for the auction.

The Young at Heart members were asked to bring cakes and to take charge of the dessert table for the chicken dinner, to be held Oct. 8 at St. Margaret Mary's.

There will be an anointing Mass at 4 p.m. Oct. 18. Directly after the Mass, a dinner will be held in the church community center for those attending Mass. Young at Heart members were asked to bring cupcakes and to take charge of the dessert table.



Shown are, from left, first row, Clara Layton, Florence Moore, Terry Dickinson, president Shirley Ochoa, Laurie Cottle, Nancy Alexander and Cathy Clark; second row, Hazel Rollins, Ramona Burnett, Linda Wense, Van Stuart, Annellen Smith and Becky Slate; third row, Elaine Parish, Catherine Gaumer, Ruth Ann Gabriel, Lil Marzul, Janet Mills, Emily Alford and Wilma Tongay; fourth row, Ruby Dickinson, Jane Isenburg, Linda McGee, Shary Lee, Helene Bischoff, Jacquelyn McKiernan, Diane McIntyre, Joy McClard, Jeanne Hornberger, Cathy Jung, Joyce Bennington, Wyanetta Graham and immediate past president Lisa Fanning. Not pictured were Elizabeth Briggs, Kathryn Carr, Cathie Castillo, Cindy Clark, Sharon Earney, Deborah Gray, Margaret Hefflin, Linda Irwin, Amy Isenburg, Gladys and Pat Kelley, Bella Knapp, Carla Lapinski, Darlene Laub, Mary Loerch, Marilyn Lunsford, Ruth Muihouser, Daisy Painter, Metro Pierson, Coleen Roderick, Lorene Sadrakula and Rosalie Stern.

Ochoa installed as president of GC Business and Professional Women

Shirley Ochoa was recently installed as president of the Granite City Business and Professional Women. Ochoa is employed as an accountant at Granite City Steel. She serves on the board of the Granite City Cancer Society, Granite City Community Federal Credit Union and is on the committee for the 1996 Granite City Centennial. She has been a member of the local organization since 1991.

Also serving for the 1995-96 year are Kathy Clark, president elect, Jeanne Hornberger, vice president; Linda Wense, secretary; and Joy McClard, treasurer. Committee chairmen are as follows: Annellen Smith, parliamentarian; Jackie McKiernan, finance; Terry Dickinson, foundation; Lisa Fanning, IDC; Eleanor Kelley, legislation; Janet Mills, membership; Leslie McClure, program; Ramona Burnett, public relations; Jeanne Hornberger, young careerist; Jane Gaumer, bylaws; Catherine Gaumer, ways and means; and Becky Slate, reservations.

Three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded at the June meeting. The first recipient was Amy Isenburg, a member since 1991. Isenburg is a senior at the University of Illinois and will receive a degree in architecture in June 1996.

Karen Boykin, a nonmember of the Local organization, received the second award and is attending Meramec College in St. Louis. She is employed at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in the physical therapy department. After receiving her degree, she plans on working in the stroke rehabilitation field.

A third \$1,000 scholarship was donated to the Granite City High School Foundation Committee and was part of the presentation at the senior recognition night.

Twelve \$100 scholarships have been awarded, a total of \$32,150 since it was started in 1956. All

have been awarded to local residents.

During the July meeting, Jane Isenburg, Eleanor Kelley, Liz Briggs, Ruby Dickinson and Janet Mills, who are all members, gave a brief talk about their recent travels to Europe and Egypt. A spokesperson from the Phoenix Crisis Center spoke in August with several women telling of their personal experiences and how the center had helped shape their lives.

Each year, after election of officers, a leadership conference is held. Those attending in 1995 were Ochoa, Annellen Smith, Cathy Jung, Kathy Clark, Cindy Clark, Terry Dickinson, Linda Wense and Jacquelyn McKiernan.

Tulsa, Okla., was the site of the national convention. Delegates were Annellen Smith, Jane Isenburg and Ramona Burnett. There were 1,198 attending from all parts of the world. Forty-four represented the state of Illinois. Mount Vernon received the national award for their program on domestic violence. The keynote speaker was Wilma Mankiller, the first woman elected chief of the Cherokee Tribe.

Kathy Clark, of the local organization, presented the program at the summer board meeting, which was held in Lisle, Ill.

The 28th annual style show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Sunset Hill Country Club. The brunch will start at 10 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Purchase tickets from Cathy Jung at 656-2057, or from any member of the organization.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Jerry's Cafeteria in Granite City. The cost is \$8.50 per person. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Any working woman is eligible to become a member. Please call Becky Slate at 452-5391 for reservations.

AADE has annual meeting in Boston

Nearly 3,000 members of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) recently convened in Boston for their 22nd annual meeting and exhibition, "A Revolution in Diabetes Care."

This event drew diabetes educators from across the nation and around the world to review the latest in diabetes research and technology.

Kathy Harnam, RN, BSN, CDE of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, participated in the four-day education program. Diabetes educators seek to advance teaching techniques and acquire teaching tools through interacting with experts in the field. The meeting also provided an opportunity

to consult with industry representatives from more than 150 exhibiting companies in the diabetes industry.

"Our goal is to empower people with diabetes to take control of their disease," said AADE President Kris Ernst, RN, and certified diabetes educator. "The success of this annual event is seen in the enthusiasm with which attending diabetes educators return to their patients."

Diabetes educators are trained professionals in many fields — nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, exercise physiologists and physicians who specialize in teaching the skills required to manage diabetes. They educate people about diabetes and help them create a

personalized self-management plan based on age, school or work schedule, daily activities, eating regimen and any special medical conditions.

AADE has also implemented a national public awareness campaign entitled "Self-Management Matters: Team Up with a Diabetes Educator" to help people with diabetes understand the importance of the role of educators. People with diabetes can obtain the names of local diabetes educators by calling 1-800-TEAMUP4.

AADE is a multidisciplinary organization of more than 10,000 health professionals dedicated to promoting quality diabetes education for persons with diabetes and the professional development of its members.

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Schooley-Randall

Rebecca Jo Randall and William Wallace Schooley Jr. were married July 1, 1995, at Tri-City Park Tabernacle church in Granite City by the Rev. Donald Stratton.

The bride is the daughter of Alderman Foster L. Frederick of Granite City and the late Dorothy L. Frederick. A 1989 graduate of Granite City High School South, she studied secretarial science at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus and is a former legal secretary in Granite City.

The groom is the son of the late William W. Schooley Sr. and Martha Longley. A 1947 graduate of Granite City High School, he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York in 1951 and St. Louis University School of Law in 1961. He is owner and attorney at law at the Law Offices of William W. Schooley Jr. in Granite City.

Cynthia L. Keeton of New Douglas, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Scarlett Champion, Lisa Keeton, niece of the bride, and Linda Gray. The junior bride was Emily Randall, daughter of the bride.

Thomas E. Schooley of Granite City, son of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were William W. Schooley III and Richard Schooley, sons of the groom, and Jack Haskall. The junior groom was Brian Keeton, nephew of the bride.

The flower girl was Billie Jo Schooley, daughter of the bride and groom. The ring bearer was Tyler Schooley, grandson of the groom.

The ushers were Steven R. Frederick of Granite City and Terry Keeton of New Douglas.

A reception was held at the Elks Lodge in Granite City. Following a honeymoon to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., they reside in Granite City.

Christina Lynn Ragan, daughter of William and Angela Ragan of Granite City, and Shawn Leon Calentine, son of Jerry and Loretta Calentine of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Ragan, of Granite City, will graduate from Granite City High School in 1996.

Calentine, a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed with Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City as a warehouse clerk.

A June 15, 1996, wedding at Cedarview Baptist Church in Ponton Beach is planned.



Springman-Odom

Karen Kathleen Odom and Dwayne L. Springman were married May 13, 1995, at Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City by the Rev. Fred Boartright.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Erika Odom of Granite City. A graduate of Granite City High School and a student at Belleville Area College, she is employed with Granite City Steel as an order correspondent.

The groom is the son of Chun and John Head of Granite City. Also a graduate of Granite City High School, he is a dean's college student at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Mechelle Novogel of Granite City was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Jayme Mercer; Carla Nicol; Patti Odorowski; and Tara Swalley.

Jason McCall of Granite City was the best man. The groomsmen were Jeff McCall; Keith McCall; Eric Odom, brother of the bride; and Mike Pool. The ushers were Brent Powell of Plainfield, Ill., and Robert Woodruff of Wood River.

A reception was held at the American Legion Hall.

Following a honeymoon in Disney World and Clearwater, Fla., the couple live in Granite City.

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Church news

Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave. in Granite City, has announced a "church dedication and big day of giving" on Sunday, Oct. 1. Bible study will begin at 9:30 a.m., morning worship follows at 10:40. An open house will be held at 3 p.m. after the dedication service at 5 p.m.

The church has recently completed the upper level of their new two-story building, where the church offices, nursery and preschool departments, adult classrooms, bride's room and restrooms are located. Albums with pictures of the groundbreaking through completion of the upper level will be on display.

Pastor David Tyler invites the public to attend.

St. John United Church of Christ "A family funday" was held Sept. 24 at St. John United

Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Rd. in Granite City.

The fun began during the Sunday school program, which started at 9 a.m. There were clowns, a magic show, face painting and a puppet show.

Refreshments were served. A mass balloon release concluded the Sunday school program. For the adults, two worship services were held. The first service was a traditional service and the second service was a contemporary service with special music by the Sunday school department. A skit, "A Little Dinner Magic," was performed by Jim Watson, Jim Morris, Bev Meyer, Aaron Wright and Sheila Reiter.

Live music from the 1930s and 1940s was provided by members and friends of St. John United Church of Christ, featuring Bonnie Fornasewski as vocalist.

A mother and daughter water race and a father and son three-legged race, along

with a hole-in-one putting tournament, wheelbarrow races and a cupcake walk were some of the games enjoyed by everyone.

The fun concluded with a pot luck lunch. It was a great day for the families and for the church.

Temple Baptist Church, Temple Baptist Church, McCambridge and Harris avenues in Madison, will be conducting a "Round-Up Day" Sunday, Oct. 1. The goal is 60 Sunday school students in attendance at Sunday school. All are invited to attend Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship services at 10:40 a.m. and the fellowship meal at noon. The theme is "western," so break out those cowboy boots, that big sombrero, floppy bonnet and western duds and come on down. Games, horseshoe pitching and volleyball will follow.

For more information, call 667-7064.

Ruth Circle to host chicken dinner

The Ruth Circle from Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road in Granite City, at the church, Circle leader Helen Stumpe led the ladies in the Christian Women's Fellowship Prayer.

Stumpe also led the study and worship entitled "Appreciating Our Cultural Diversity," from the study book, "Break the Dividing Wall."

During the business portion of the meeting, it was announced that the Christian Women's Fellowship will be having a chicken and dumpling dinner from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 21. Donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages five to 11. Children under five years of age are free of charge.

The event will also have homemade apple butter, craft sales and a quilt raffle. The chairperson, Betty Ebrecht, stated that tickets are available from any Christian Women's Fellowship member or by calling the church at 876-0532. You can also purchase them at the door.

On Oct. 15, the group plans to attend a tea at First Community Christian Church in Caseyville

to meet the Indonesian women visitors en route to the national assembly in Pittsburgh.

The Southeast Gateway Area Assembly will be held at the First Community Christian Church on Oct. 31. An African holiday called "Kwanzaa" means "first fruit" in Swahili.

Other events the women will be attending is the SEGSA at the Christian church in Affton, Mo.

The Ruth Circle concluded the evening with refreshments served by hostess Geneva Butler and the finalization of the making of the apple butter.

Those in attendance were Helen Stumpe, Doris Edwards, Geneva Butler, Sharon Calaway, Pearl Kennerly, Betty Ebrecht and Isabelle Ferguson.

The ladies will serve as hostess at the next general Christian Women's Fellowship meeting at noon Oct. 5 at the church.

The next Ruth Circle meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the church.

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Your arguments finally convince your spouse or lover. Luck involves a change of job or living arrangements. Close relatives lend a hand with your expenses. You reach a breakthrough on a creative project. Be persistent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A long-distance love affair proves expensive — try writing instead of calling. A supervisor asks you to assist him or her on an important assignment. Surprise family members with a visit. You learn a valuable lesson.

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A dream is less disturbing when you analyze and understand it. You are finally able to spend more time with your spouse or lover — he or she is ecstatic. A friend helps you make a sale. Be meticulous about the job.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
An audition or job interview requires you to make a trip. You are immensely attracted to a sibling's friend. You may have to set your sights on less expensive accommodations. Think over a business proposal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 28)
Take advantage of an opportunity to get away from it all. Travel in October allows couples a chance to fall in love all over again. Employers rely heavily upon you in January and February. You may be considered for a promotion in March. Marry in August or February. Reunite a friendship you thought was dead in April or September.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Get the old gang back together for one last hurrah. Your spouse or lover is the life of the party. Submit work on time, or supervisors will get touchy. Spend money on a child. A relative asks for your help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your latest love interest romances you by mail. Avoid giving up on a project before you've really gotten started. A child or pet keeps you company. Grants and loans are delayed. A new job is more challenging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
A colleague or subordinate refuses to back down. Be willing to compromise. Lovers are impressed by your air of confidence. Children need more

attention rather than material possessions. Call an opponent's bluff.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You have so much pull now that you can get practically anything you ask for — avoid abusing your privileges. Confront a lover face to face. A financial burden is lifted. Contact relatives you have neglected.

APRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Have the courage to admit a failing to your spouse or lover. Accept a challenge at the office. A new hobby has money-making possibilities. Singles find love right under their noses. Get out of the house tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A last-minute change of plans leads to a romantic or financial opportunity. A close friend gets you interested in his or her pet project. A younger colleague seeks romantic advice. Take a complaint seriously.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Make a resolution regarding your health. One love interest stands out from all the rest. Encourage a friend or relative who is facing a career setback. Money involves a prize or scholarship. Make a confession.

Showgirls: Even the sex is dull

You've seen it all before: Young woman takes to break into show business, meets all the wrong people, takes a few tumbles, makes enemies with a star, snarls the star's boyfriend, replaces the star, becomes a star.

Exploitation, though, is exactly what the filmmakers have accomplished. The nudity in "Showgirls" is not offensive, nor is the sexual content. What is offensive is how the filmmakers view women — as sex toys, dumb, lesbians, whores and uncultured hostile women without class or good taste.

ONLY ONE FEMALE CHARACTER is remotely intelligent and displays a small touch of class; she gets gang-banged at the end of the film in a spectacularly gratuitous and outrageous rape scene.

Elizabeth Berkley stars as Nomi Malone, an ex-hooker with a chip on her shoulder who is so dumb that she allows a stranger to steal her suitcase. Nomi whines to just about everyone that she's in Las Vegas to become a "dancer" (where else would a budding dancer go?).

She gets a job in a strip joint and just about salivates when she sees Cristal (Gina Gershon), the star of a topless revue in a big showroom. We are invited to believe that Cristal's bumps and grinds somehow constitute great dancing.

Cristal and Nomi form a love-hate relationship. Why? Because the male filmmakers probably think women should be at each other's throats, while lusting for one another at the same time. Nomi also attracts Cristal's man friend, Zack (Kyle MacLachlan). Together, they provide one of the movie's only sexy scenes — a lap dance. They also provide one of the film's numerous unintentional laughs — a love-making scene in a swimming pool in which Berkley splashes about so much she looks like a hooked trout.

In her struggle to make it big in Vegas, Nomi teams with a two-bit hustler (Glenn Plummer) who wants to teach her how to dance, and also to take her to bed. It's an odd, unworkable pairing, but it does allow them to cavort in yet another sexy lap dance.

"Showgirls" has one redeeming scene in which Nomi dispatches a rapist, but it's not enough to salvage the movie. It's a waste to say what was on the minds of United Artists executives when they gave this project the green light and scriptwriter Joe Eszterhas a reported \$2 million for a stale story and an amateurish script.

The soundtrack is horrible, featuring a hybrid of repetitious music composed by ex-Eurythmic Dave Stewart. Even worse is the choreography (blame Marguerite Pomeroy-Derricks) and dancing. You'll find much better fare in music videos or just about any cable television movie. The production numbers, despite costume changes, all look the same: same steps, same attitude, same music.

Perhaps the filmmakers intended to do a melodramatic update of "Stage Door," "All About Eve" or "2nd Street" or "A Star is Born." If so, they'd need much better writing, acting and direction.

What, then, is the intention of this movie? A little soft-core pornography sanctioned by a major studio? Don't count on it. It's not a very sensual movie. The sexuality is forced, and comes across as merely the insipid fantasies of the filmmakers.

The bottom line is that "Showgirls" is a ripoff. It is not a good musical. It is not a good drama. It is not good sex. In short, it is not good entertainment.

— Associated Press

Snipes, Swayze swap muscles for drag

"The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," an Australian road movie about drag queens in the outback, is released last year, becomes a critical hit and wins a loving audience. Ah, you can just see the wheels spinning in little Hollywood heads: Let's find some American actors and make our own version.

Well, that isn't really the way Universal Pictures' "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar" got made, but you get the idea. Productive notes say the concept arose when screenwriter Douglas Carter discovered his mother didn't know drag queen RuPaul was a really a man.

Figuring that most of middle America can't tell the difference between an excessively made up, overdressed large man and a real woman, Beane wrote a script. His screenplay eventually found its way to Steven Spielberg, who was a great project for his Amblin Entertainment.

Unfortunately, "To Wong Foo" is little more than a highly derivative road movie with stock characters, predictable situations and typical Hollywood excesses. And where "Priscilla" mixed outrageous drag comedy

with saucy, thunderous music and human drama, "To Wong Foo" serves up a few funny one-liners, a forgettable soundtrack and forced humanity.

Despite the drawbacks, the movie has its moments and, in the end, is just harmless fun. It's just three wonderful performances.

First, there's Patrick Swayze, whose graceful portrayal of Stamp's understated and quiet dignity as a transsexual in "Priscilla." Then, there's the coy and effervescent John Leguizamo as Chi Chi Rodriguez. Finally, the always sturdy Stockard Channing adds poignancy and strength to the battered wife Carol Ann.

The story opens in New York when Vida and Noxeema Jackson (Wesley Snipes) win a local drag queen contest. They're forced to compete nationally in Los Angeles. A young man who's just entered the drag world and is disappointed because he won't be in the competition. With his heart of

gold, Vida convinces Noxeema that they should turn in their airplane tickets so they'll have enough money to take along Chi Chi.

It's an odd trip, to say the least: Vida looking like Doris Day in a 1950s romance, and Chi Chi and Noxeema decked out in outfits that would make a hooker proud.

But their cross-country trip in a 1967 Cadillac is not all hits and down and they have an ugly run-in with a local sheriff. They're forced to stay in a little back woods town for the week-end, where they help change the lives of some ordinary people.

Leguizamo is very convincing, but he's had lots of practice with his depictions of women in his critically acclaimed one-man shows, "Mambo Mouth" and "Spie-O-Rama."

With his dancer's background, walking in high heels and moving gracefully come a little easier for him than for his co-stars.

But Snipes seems uncomfortable in the role and applies unusual stereotypical wiggle to his walk and other over-the-top mannerisms. He also moves in and out of voice, making his portrayal uneven and not very convincing.

Robin Williams has a cute cameo as a manic huster. — Associated Press

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One in the same: Ancient mythology and daytime television

By Kevin Carberry
Staff writer

As goofy as the syndicated television show about Hercules is, it's not any more weird than ancient mythology.

The stories in "Bullfinch's Mythology" cover many of the same subjects now discussed on daytime television talk shows.

The plight of having a problem child was dealt with in the story of Icarus. The trouble that can occur from being too enamored with one's own physical attributes was covered in the

tale of Narcissus. The consequences with having utter greed came to light in the myth of King Midas. And, what happened with Oedipus is probably even too much for Oprah to handle these days, though Jerry Springer seems to have no restrictions as to what he will put on his program.

The Greek tales about Hercules are a hoot. His 12 labors could only have been thought up by someone using mind-altering drugs. I mean, who would send a man god out to clean stables? Another of his duties was to steal a girl from the queen of the Amazons. What the matter, couldn't these people just

go down to the local mall? Another wild story is the one of Medusa, who was a great-looking babe until she irritated the gods by looking at them. Talk about your cat fights. Minerva turned Medusa's beautiful hair into hissing serpents and made her so frightened that no living thing could look at her without turning to stone. I may have dated this woman once.

Rim shot, please. Obviously, this week's trivia covered the myths of the Greeks and Romans.

1. What was the name of the Greek god of wine?
2. How many Muses were there?

3. Who slew Medusa?
4. What kind of animal killed Adonis?
5. An Achilles heel is someone's weak spot. Why was Achilles vulnerable only in his heel?

6. Who was Cupid's mother?
7. Which of the Roman gods created horses, according to myth?
8. Hippolyta was the queen of which mythical people?

9. The Roman god Pomona was in charge of what?
10. What physical trait was peculiar to the giant Cyclopes?

ANSWERS: 1. Dionysus. His parents were Zeus and Hera. He is a truly cunning young man. He provided over 1000 years of fun. 2. Nine. Some of their names were: Calliope, Clio, Erato, Euterpe, Hebe, Melpomene, Polyhymnia, Thalia, and Terpsichore. 3. Perseus. He was a hero who slew the Gorgon Medusa. 4. A wild boar. 5. A peacock. 6. Venus. In Roman mythology, she was the goddess of love and beauty. 7. Minerva. 8. A wild boar. 9. Pigs. 10. One eye.

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